

Saudi Arabia key to regional security, stability: HM King



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa during a meeting with Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in Jeddah, yesterday

Jeddah

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday hailed the key role played by Saudi Arabia in fostering the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) march.

Describing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as a “pillar

in maintaining regional security and stability”, HM the King stressed Bahrain’s constant support to Saudi Arabia.

King Hamad also lauded the key role played by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman

bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in maintaining regional security and stability and warding off threats and foreign interference.

HM King Hamad was holding a meeting with King Salman in Jeddah.

The meeting focused on

further boosting bilateral cooperation as well as deep-rooted fraternal relations bonding Bahrain and Saudi Arabia in various fields.

Both the leaders reviewed regional, Arab and international developments

and exchanged views on issues of common interest.

The meeting was attended by members of the Royal family, ministers and the accompanying delegation of HM the King.

Earlier, HM the King was received on arrival at King

Abdulaziz International Airport by Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Abdullah bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Minister of Commerce and Investment and Head of the Mission of Honour Dr. Majid Al Qasabi and senior officials.



Dark web just got a lot darker



Richard Cremona

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Companies, organisations and governmental bodies should be wary of the increased cyber-security threats posed by the ‘dark web’, according to cybersecurity expert Richard Cremona.

Talking to *DT News*, Cremona warned that the hidden part of the World Wide Web known as ‘dark web’, accessible only through special software, has become more sophisticated than ever and is posing an increased threat to organisations.

“Companies should absolutely be cognizant of the rise of the dark web as technologies are becoming more and more sophisticated,” he said adding: “This is not a phenomenon that should be ignored.”

Three things to do

Explaining more, Cremona said

that there are “three things that the organisations must do” to avoid threats.

Firstly, he said, an organisation should take a full assessment of their operating environment.

Secondly, they should approach “third-party experts to check the security of their organisation.”

“Thirdly there should be an ongoing educational experience to be constantly updated with the latest threats and technologies,” he added.

More illicit than drug trade!

“Hacking used to be malicious, he said, but now it is more than that. “It has really transformed itself into a corporate environment.”

According to him, there are “more illicit trade in cyber hacking than in the drug trade.”

“There are companies that are being set up for this sole purpose,” he said. “It has really grown.”

Cyber security expert Richard Cremona speaks about the growing threat of ‘dark web’ to organisations.

“Yet there are many in the corporate world that fail to take cyber-hacking seriously,” he added warning: “They cannot afford to take this lightly.”

Identity theft

Richard Cremona viewed identity theft as the most commonly used strategies by hackers.

“Identity theft can be the cornerstone of cyber security because it attacks the individual and any assets the individual owns out there,” he said.